



Educational Event: Bioeconomy comes to Jelgava

Overview	
Date	Friday, 18 September 2020 (11:00 – 18:00)
Location	Jelgava, Pasta sala
Aim of the event	Familiarize participants of the event with bioeconomy and BE-Rural project, through games learn about bioeconomy and sustainability, review collection of online resources and other teaching materials

Short summary: During “Forest comes to Jelgava” (*Mežs ienāk Jelgavā*) we set up a Bioeconomy stand where we presented in individual sessions with the participants the following materials:

- [Bioeconomy Handbook in Latvian](#)
- [Review of 100 free online educational resources](#)
- [Power point slides for presentations with notes for teachers](#)
- [Workshops, quizzes and games](#)
- [Extracurricular activities](#)
- [Information about the PopUp store in Cēsis](#)

The “forest comes to Jelgava” was focused on the possibilities of wood use and productions of products with high added value. At the BE-Rural Bioeconomy stand we discussed potential of wood use and forestry side product use for innovative product production, core concepts of bioeconomy, BE-Rural aims and future events, bioeconomy development in Latvia and how to use the teaching materials developed in BE-Rural. All interested event participants were introduced to the project and offered to try bioeconomy games and review other resources. Many of the participants were interested in the presented bio-products (nutrient supplements, oils, cleaning products produced from conifer needles, sweets from pine cones, small wooden sticks designed as parrot treats, wood checkers and plates from palm leaves). Children enjoyed the challenge of finding Bioeconomy related words in the Word Search Puzzles. After this event we plan to visit Liepaja University to review the teaching materials in greater depth to obtain detailed feedback about the teaching materials developed within BE-Rural.

Participants of the event that joined BE-Rural

Name	Surname	Organisation	Stakeholder Category
Dace	Sausā	Vecsaules pamatskola	Academia
Ginta	Gedovius	n/a	n/a
Vaira	Kārkliņa	Liepājas Universitāte, "Skara"	Academia, Businesses
Sintija	Kreimane	Valles pamatskola	Academia
Jānis	Ziemelis	n/a	Businesses
Elīna	Laveiķe	SIA "Kokradis"	Businesses
Edgars	Iecelniēks	Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre	Civil society
Anete	Vespere	Ziemeļlatvijas Mežsaimnieks	Businesses
Olga	Miezīte	Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies	Academia
Aija	Freimane	n/a	Academia
Dagnis	Dubrovskis	Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies, Joint Stock Company "Latvia's State Forests"	Academia, Businesses
Dzintra	Ziemele	Tautas palīdzības fonds	Civil society
Lelde	Vilkriste	Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies, Latvian Agricultural Organization Cooperation Council	Academia, Businesses

Photographs from the event:



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